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**LEFT:** 2021-22 Virginia State President Rock Ruark presents a check for his state project.

**ABOVE:** Ruark addresses the crowd at the 2022 Virginia State Convention in Fredericksburg.

## SWP Rock Ruark and Virginia Eagles raise more than \$130,000

Funds will benefit Homes for Our Troops and injured veteran Kevork Khachadurian

During last year's Virginia State Convention at Fredericksburg Aerie & Auxiliary #4123, the Virginia Eagles presented a check to Homes For Our Troops totaling \$136,721.

The funds will be used to aid in a specially adapted custom home for Marine Corporal Kevork "Khach" Khachadurian, who lost both of his legs when he stepped on an improvised explosive device (IED) in Afghanistan in 2011.

The donation was the result of the special project of 2021-2022 Virginia State Worthy President Rock Ruark of Alva Aerie #871 in Alexandria, Virginia. He began raising funds through the sale of his SWP magnets at the 2021 Grand Convention in Phoenix and continued his efforts throughout the year.

"The entire Virginia State Eagle family got behind this effort and, in the end, raised far more money than I ever imagined; for which I am eternally grateful and proud of their accomplishment," SWP Ruark said. "This has been a marquee year for our State, with three new Aeries/Auxiliaries, a 9.9% gain in membership and now this huge gift."

Ruark is a 30-year veteran of the US Army and stated "there was never a doubt as to the type of charity I would select when

I reached this position, however, when research was completed, Homes For Our Troops won out over various nonprofits assisting America's Heroes today." He currently serves as a Director on the Eagle Village board.

Homes For Our Troops is a publicly funded nonprofit which builds and donates custom homes throughout the nation for severely injured post-9/11 Veterans, to enable them to rebuild their lives. Since its inception in 2004, nearly 90 cents of every dollar spent has gone directly to program services for Veterans. In almost 20 years, more than 350 specialized homes have been built across the country. The organization aims to provide a home for all Veterans who qualify. For more information, visit [hfotusa.org](http://hfotusa.org).



## Top Producers/New Leaders

### March 2023

#### Aerie:

1. #370 Lima, OH	62
1. #4200 Juneau, AK	62
3. #4538 Yuma, AZ	61
4. #4471 Pueblo, CO	55
5. #1442 Amherst, OH	53

#### Auxiliary:

1. #2178 Ashland, OH	32
2. #1269 Harrison Twp, MI	28
3. #1387 Buckley, WA	27
4. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	26
5. #4554 Wytheville, VA	24

#### Aerie (Individual):

1. Peggy Townsend	28
Yuma, AZ #4538	
2. Tom Goon	24
Ashland, OH #2178	
3. Timothy Gill	23
Wytheville, VA #4554	
4. Robert McCreary	16
Logan, UT #3114	
4. Sheila Miller	16
Eatonville, WA #3158	

#### Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Diana Gill	18
Wytheville, VA #4554	
2. Debby Baker	12
Ladysmith, BC #2101	
3. Licia Goebel-Pappas	11
Homerville, OH #2178	
4. Emma Azure	10
Chinook, MT #689	
5. Ruth Anne Geyer	9
Cape Coral, FL #3957	
5. Sandra Milletics	9
Port Orange, FL #4089	

### April 2023

#### Aerie:

1. #21 Olympia, WA	81
2. #370 Lima, OH	69
3. #4528 Ocean View, DE	68
4. #3158 Eatonville, WA	57
5. #486 Coeur d'Alene, ID	47

#### Auxiliary:

1. #2308 Puyallup, WA	56
2. #4089 Port Orange, FL	43
3. #1387 Buckley, WA	34
4. #3506 Marysville, OH	32
5. #4299 Lake Havasu City, AZ	29

#### Aerie (Individual):

1. Albert Bachmann	23
Ocean View, DE #4528	
2. Roberta Cahill	22
Olympia, WA #21	
2. Carol Sue Emond	22
Olympia, WA #21	
4. Timothy Gill	18
Wytheville, VA #4554	
5. Randy Bosma	17
Grand Forks, ND #350	

#### Auxiliary (Individual):

1. Sandra Milletics	25
Port Orange, FL #4089	
2. Edie Dougherty	14
Port Charlotte, FL #3885	
2. Kylie Vozar	14
Wooster, OH #811	
4. Joanna Anderson	12
Centralia, WA #556	
5. Gloria Hix	9
Puyallup, WA #2308	

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July 22-27



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# We Are People Helping People

## Alaska



- Anchorage Auxiliary #4207 recently donated \$1,500 to the Downtown Soup Kitchen Hope Center along with \$1,500 in bulk laundry and shower supplies.

## California

- Oxnard Eagles #2232, along with Grand Worthy President Rick Powell and Jr. Past Grand Madam President Brenda Garrioch, presented a grant for \$5,000 to Ventura County Family Justice Center during the 2022 Western Regional Conference.

## Michigan

- Imlay City Eagles #4082 presented donations to the Lapeer County Community Foundation and Lapeer County Veterans' Affairs. The Eagles raised \$1,387 from tip jars at Attica Days for the Community Foundation while \$2,629 was raised from the refreshment tent at the Eastern Michigan State Fair for the Veterans' Affairs Office.

- On Saturday, March 11, Howell Eagles #3607 held a CPR and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) certification class with the help of the Howell Fire Department. The event was organized by Howell Eagles Worthy President Dan Clacher. Bryan Hager of the Howell Fire Department trained Officers, Employees and Members in Adult, Child and Infant CPR and AED use. The Howell Eagles recently purchased an AED and wanted to ensure the safe use of the device in the event of an emergency.

## Ohio



- Miami Valley Eagles #1395 donated \$5,000 to the Countryside YMCA for their Veterans Day Celebration last fall.

## Delaware



- Eagles #4528 donated \$5,500 to the Bethany Beach, Dagsboro, Frankford, Millville and Roxana Fire Auxiliaries in 2022. Worthy President Eric Davis and Worthy Trustee Bud Bachmann delivered donations and gave membership presentations to the groups last fall.

## Dues Renewal

Member dues expire on May 31, 2023. Renew today and ensure you maintain access to our exclusive slate of member benefits and admission to our more than 1,300 locations across the United States and Canada.

The system will auto-drop all members who have not renewed on July 11, so please be sure to renew as soon as possible to avoid having to re-enroll for the new fraternal year.

If you're a Secretary, please make sure all submitted dues payments are entered in the Member Management System (MMS) in a timely manner to ensure nobody is dropped incorrectly.

## AERIE/ AUXILIARY BANQUET

Tuesday, July 25  
\$55/person  
includes meal + show

feat. Don Felder  
(formerly of the Eagles)  
and Williams & Ree

For tickets:  
[www.foe.com](http://www.foe.com)



# CHARITY 31 Tournament

Get ready for a night of cards  
to raise money for the Grand  
Presidents Charities!

- ⌚ 11 a.m.
- 📅 Saturday, July 22nd
- 📍 Nugget Casino Resort

**\$10/person**

For more info visit [foe.com](http://foe.com)  
or contact Pam Boyd at  
[pamboydartist@hotmail.com](mailto:pamboydartist@hotmail.com)



### Charity 31 Card Tournament Saturday, July 22

Join us in Reno for a special 31 Tournament to raise money for the Grand Presidents Charities, Saturday, July 22nd at 11 a.m. Cost to enter is \$10 per-person. Create your own three-person team or be randomly assigned a team. For more information, contact Pam Boyd at 573-979-2218 or via email at [pamboydartist@hotmail.com](mailto:pamboydartist@hotmail.com).

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